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SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. There being no further lights, Senator Baker, you're recognized to close on the advancement of LB 295.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I applaud the body for taking an interest in this. Thinking back on it now, we've obviously had a good discussion. But it points out the problems we have when we're trying to micromanage something like a home site on an acreage as opposed to a working farm site. And I'm going to urge you would pass...move the bill to Select File. And we'll work on it between now and then, obviously, take a look at some things. But in my own mind, I have no problem with letting the State Property Assessment Taxation Office use their best judgment. With that, I'd urge advancement of the bill to Select File. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Baker. You've heard the closing. Members, the question before the body is the advancement of LB 295 to E & R Initial. All in favor please vote aye; opposed vote nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 295.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 14 by Senator Schimek. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 9, referred to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you. Mr. Speaker and members, the bill that is before you today was brought because late in 2002 the federal government passed an election act. And it's called the Help America Vote Act, and it's really as a result of everything that happened in the last presidential election. And within that bill were a number of mandates for the state of Nebraska. And you will see those coming up in three bills down the agenda, LB 357, LB 358, and LB 359. But because the federal government